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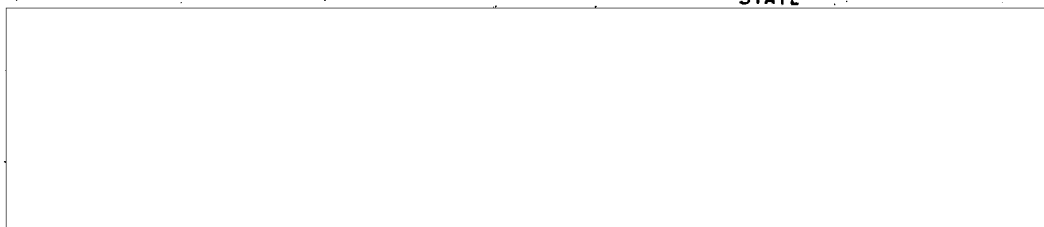
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 SUBJECT: SENATOR JACKSON'S LETTERS TO MUGABE AND NKOMO

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1. ( C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SENATOR JACKSON'S MEETING TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF LETTERS WHICH THE SENATOR WILL BE SENDING TO MUGABE AND NKOMO. PLEASE DELIVER IN THIS FORM. SIGNED ORIGINALS TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.  
 3. LETTER TO MUGABE: QUOTE.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ELLIS, PARENTS OF KEVIN ELLIS WHO HAS BEEN HELD HOSTAGE BY DISSIDENTS IN ZIMBABWE SINCE JULY 23, 1982. THE ELLIS FAMILY ARE MY CONSTITUENTS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. I AM EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT BRETT BALDWIN OF CALIFORNIA AND THE OTHER FOUR HOSTAGES WHO ARE BEING HELD WITH MR. ELLIS. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT WHICH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE EXERTED IN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND FREE KEVIN AND THE OTHER FIVE HOSTAGES, FOR WHICH ALL OF -US ARE TRULY GRATEFUL.

MINDFUL OF THE EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS DURING WHICH DISSIDENTS HAVE CARRIED OUT TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS IN YOUR COUNTRY, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT EVERYONE FULLY APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS YOU ARE MAKING AND THE NEED TO BALANCE AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO INTERNAL DISORDER WITH THE DANGERS TO THE HOSTAGES THEMSELVES.

I FOLLOW EVENTS IN THE HOSTAGE CASE VERY CLOSELY. I AM IN TOUCH WITH THE ELLIS FAMILY ALMOST DAILY. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS LONG ORDEAL. ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. ELLIS AS WELL AS THE FAMILIES OF THE OTHER HOSTAGES, I URGE YOUR CONTINUED CLOSE ATTENTION TO THEIR WELFARE. SINCERELY,  
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4. LETTER TO NKOMO: QUOTE.

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DEAR MR. NKOMO:

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ELLIS, PARENTS OF KEVIN ELLIS WHO HAS BEEN HELD HOSTAGE BY DISSIDENTS IN ZIMBABWE ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER PERSONS SINCE JULY 23. THE ELLIS FAMILY ARE CONSTITUENTS OF MINE FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. I AM EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT BRETT BALDWIN OF CALIFORNIA AND THE OTHER FOUR HOSTAGES WHO ARE BEING HELD WITH MR. ELLIS.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT ALL OF US ADMIRE AND APPRECIATED YOUR COURAGE IN MAKING APPEALS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES IN WHAT CONTINUE TO BE VERY DIFFICULT POLITICAL TIMES. YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN THIS ORDEAL CAN ONLY BENEFIT AND COMPLEMENT THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF OTHERS TO SECURE THE HOSTAGES' FREEDOM. SINCERELY. UNQUOTE.

5. NO RELEASE OF-LETTERS INTENDED HERE, BUT NO OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENTS.

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